



METROPOLIS
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2025 CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY

YAL: Rooted & Rising: Leadership, Philanthropy, Faith

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2026 YAL Chicago Conference Co-Chairs

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Mission:

To inspire and empower young adults' holistic & authentic connection to Christ in His church.





Spiritual Advisor



Co-Chair



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Programming



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Marketing



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Service



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Liturgics



Speaker



Speaker



Registration



Registration



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Fundraising



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Who Are We?

- We relaunched in 2020 after over a decade of inactivity under the direction of Fr. Kosmas Kallis
- We are an annual conference that occurs over Presidents' Day weekend.
- The conference itinerary includes a keynote speaker, breakout sessions, and an interactive workshop
- Philanthropic collaboration with Project Hope
- Evening fellowship events
- We offer Orthros, Vespers, and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy
- We serve young adults aged 18-35



Some Fast Facts about the YAL Chicago Conference

- 60,000 grocery bags distributed in partnership with Project Hope & Rush Hospital
- Young Adults not only within the U.S but globally (Canada, Greece, and Australia)
- 2,275 young adults have attended the Chicago YAL conference since 2020
- A multitude of Greek-owned businesses and parishes have supported the conference through monetary contributions, prayers, and tangible support.
- A vast array of speakers, including Priests, Presvyteres, psychologists, and professionals from a wide variety of career fields.



Our Paths and Why's to Leadership



Tia Kotsiopoulos



Kat Papaioannou



Yanni Motter

Deepening Relationships in Christ through the YAL Conference



Luke



MariaElena



Roshane

How Our Conference Impacts Young Adults

- Connect with Christ
- Engage in almsgiving through philanthropic collaboration
- Be inspired through Conference Speakers
- Learn more about Greek Orthodox Faith
- Meet and collaborate with peers who share the same beliefs and values
- Encourages further leadership

Thank YOU for your prayers and
support!

Scan the QR Code for more information about and how to get
involved with the YAL Chicago Conference!

